

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Cancelled.)

2. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 45,
wherein the processing step includes a picture enhancement
operation.

3. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 2,
wherein the picture enhancement operation is a sharpness and/or
contrast improving operation.

4. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 2,
wherein the picture enhancement operation is a noise or encoding
artifact reduction operation.

5. (Previously Presented) A picture signal processing method
comprising the steps:

receiving an analog picture signal and a quality
indication relating to the analog picture signal; and
5 processing the analog picture signal in dependence on the
quality indication,
wherein the analog picture signal is formed by decoding a digital
picture signal having been encoded at a bit-rate and/or at a
compression ratio and/or at a quantization level, and wherein the

10 quality indication is the bit-rate and/or the compression ratio and/or the quantization level and/or other information about the encoding or decoding.

6. (Currently Amended) A picture signal processing device, comprising:

means for receiving an analog picture signal and a quality indication relating to the analog picture signal; and

5 means for processing the analog picture signal in dependence on the quality indication,

wherein the analog picture signal is formed by decoding a digital picture signal having been encoded at a bit-rate and/or at a compression ratio and/or at a quantization level, and wherein the quality indication is the bit-rate and/or the compression ratio and/or the quantization level and/or other information about the encoding or decoding.

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7. (Previously Presented) A television receiver comprising:

the picture signal processing device as claimed in claim 6 for furnishing a processed picture signal; and

means for displaying the processed picture signal.

8. (Cancelled).

9. (Currently Amended) A picture signal supplying method comprising the steps of:

5 receiving a digital picture signal having been encoded at a bit-rate and/or at a compression ratio and/or at a quantization level;

decoding the digital picture signal to form an analog picture signal;

10 generating a quality indication related to the analog picture signal, said quality indication being the bit-rate and/or the compression ratio and/or the quantization level and/or other information about the encoding or decoding;

suppling an the analog picture signal; and

15 suppling a the quality indication relating to the analog picture signal,

wherein the analog picture signal is formed by decoding a digital picture signal having been encoded at a bit rate and/or at a compression ratio and/or at a quantization level, and wherein the quality indication is the bit rate and/or the compression ratio and/or the quantization level and/or other information about the encoding or decoding.

20 10. (Cancelled).

11. (Currently Amended) A picture signal supplying device, comprising:

an input to which a digital picture signal is applied, said digital picture signal having been encoded at a bit-rate and/or at a compression ratio and/or at a quantization level;

means for decoding the digital picture signal to form an analog picture signal;

10 means for generating a quality indication related to the analog picture signal, said quality indication being the bit-rate and/or the compression ratio and/or the quantization level and/or other information about the encoding or decoding;

means for supplying ~~an~~ the analog picture signal; and

15 means for supplying ~~a~~ the quality indication relating to the analog picture signal,

wherein the picture signal supplying device further comprises:

20 means for decoding a digital picture signal having been encoded at a bit rate and/or at a compression ratio and/or at a quantization level, to furnish the analog picture signal, the quality indication being the bit rate and/or the compression ratio and/or the quantization level and/or other information about the encoding or decoding.

12. (Previously Presented) A record player comprising:

means for retrieving a digital picture signal from a record; and

the picture signal supplying device as claimed in claim

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13. (Previously Presented) A picture signal receiver comprising:

means for receiving a digital picture signal; and

the picture signal supplying device as claimed in claim 11.

14. (New) The picture signal processing device as claimed in claim 6, wherein the processing means includes means for carrying out a picture enhancement operation.

15. (New) The picture signal processing device as claimed in claim 14, wherein the means for carrying out the picture enhancement operation includes means for carrying out a sharpness and/or contrast improving operation.

16. (New) The picture signal processing device as claimed in claim 14, wherein the means for carrying out the picture enhancement operation includes means for carrying out a noise or encoding artifact reduction operation.